

# Saturday Night

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During the debate in the House of Commons on the Government's bill to extend indefinitely the extraordinary ministerial powers embodied in the Defence Production Act, a member of the Conservative opposition challenged Prime Minister St. Laurent to fight a general election on the issue. His righteous indignation was greater than his political wisdom. As an election issue, the arbitrary powers granted this or that cabinet minister would excite the Canadian electorate about as much as a chess tournament in Tomsik.

Canadians had every reason to be disturbed by the bill, and the Opposition would have been neglecting its duty had it not fought to prevent passage of the measure. Liberals themselves were uneasy about the extension of the authority given the Minister of Defence Production to take over industries, contracts and products whenever he might think such action was necessary "in the national interest". The *Winnipeg Free Press*, a powerful voice of traditional Liberalism, condemned the bill in these words: "The Government can, if it takes the trouble, do what governments in a free society should always strive to do: it can stick to powers that are precisely defined, not arbitrary . . . What Mr. Howe's bill does, making broad powers permanent, is the lazy, play-safe alternative beloved of bureaucracy. It gives to a government department more



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authority than is really needed to carry out the policies approved by Parliament. That is illiberal. It is also feeble and underhand. It is, indeed, about as bad as it could be."

It is the sort of issue that should arouse a politically alert nation, jealous of its freedom. But we are not such a nation, and for too many of us "freedom" is nothing more than an abstract term that vaguely describes the difference between those two other abstractions, totalitarianism and democracy. Besides, there is something frightening about freedom; it has too many disturbing implications for the individual—it makes demands on intellect and conscience, it challenges comfortable routine and may threaten directed security. Far better to assume, because we can change our jobs or our church, write letters to the editor, go into debt and move about the country as we please, that freedom is a condition of living as permanent as death and taxes.

As an election issue, then, it just won't do. It would so disturb the electors that they would exercise to the full their right to stay away from the polls. If parties in opposition earnestly desire a test of strength, they must cast about for more exciting issues—the price of pastrami say, or pensions for worn-out hockey players.

If the electorate got a sharp shock, of course, it might lose its complacency. The Conservatives in Parliament may have been shortsighted in fighting so bitterly to put a time limit on the powers of the Minister of Defence Production. It might have been wiser to help rush the bill through the Commons, and pray that the Minister would yield to the temptation to use all those powers. The experience would be painful but purifying.

## The Smiling Faces

Communist diplomats were still smiling as they gathered in Geneva for this week's talks among the Big Four. Indeed, the grimaces had become almost a habit. After Khrushchev and Bulganin grinned and gurgled their way through a visit with Yugoslavia's Tito, Molotov and his entourage beamed at Americans all the way from San Francisco to New York. There have been times when the smiles have seemed a little too fixed, something like a Davy Crockett attempt to grin a b'ar to death, but all in all, combined with the more conciliatory talk and actions of the people behind the faces, they have managed to convince a lot of Westerners that the Russians have been preparing for a reasonable settlement.



*Molotov and Russia's ambassador to the U.S., Georgi Zarubin.*

There are some people, however, who must have been shuddering every time they saw the Russians smiling at the "traitors" in Yugoslavia and the "imperialists" in the United States. They are the same people who have been enduring a bad case of the jitters as they waited for the conference in Geneva. They are the leaders of the Soviet satellites.

Life has been difficult enough in the past few months for the satellite straw bosses, with the changes in Soviet foreign policy forcing them to follow new, narrow and uncertain paths. But on top of all this comes the meeting of the Big Four, pregnant with all sorts of hideous possibilities.

They have had to learn that Titoism (for the present, at least) is not heresy but just another road to "Socialism", that



*Khrushchev: No frowns now.*

Tito himself was more sinned against than sinning, that capitalists are not necessarily Fascists, that West Germans are not so steeped in Nazism that they cannot be invited to the Kremlin. Well, they have had plenty of experience with sudden shifts of direction. The Big Four talks, however, could result in something more serious than a change in the propaganda line. Suppose the Big Four manage to agree on a method for reuniting Germany? Suppose Russia left only token forces in the conquered states, or even removed all troops? Suppose the people in the satellites were given some measure of self-determination? Or even, as the least frightening of the possibilities, Russia confirmed its sudden approval of Titoism? None of these things is close to being a probability, but the situation as the talks opened in Geneva was fluid enough to make the smiles of the Russians seem pretty frightening to their hangers-on.

## Spirit of Adventure

Things must be rather quiet around Oxford University these days—at least, that's the impression we get from a recent statement by Geoffrey Masefield, a lecturer there. "I get a bit depressed," Mr. Masefield confided to a radio audience a while ago, "by the old men who are always urging the young to develop the far corners of the Commonwealth by showing a 'spirit of adventure'. Adventure is part of a romantic outlook which is outmoded today; outmoded in our art, our poetry, above all in our science, for the civilization we live in is a scientific one." We're not prepared to say, in this far corner of the Commonwealth, how old-fashioned the romantic outlook has become, but we doubt if science has done much to lessen the adventure of living. Hereabouts, merely crossing the street is a project that calls for all the high courage, quick thinking and careful planning that once went into voyages of exploration.

## Markets and Resources

One of the tasks assigned to the Royal Commission headed by Walter L. Gordon is an examination of "the prospects for growth and change in domestic and external markets for Canadian products". If the Commission had no other job to do, that would be enough. The terms of reference are so broad that to make an effective report on this one subject, the Commission must first make a survey of Canada's natural resources, because it is on these that the "prospects for growth and change" depend. If the Commission does nothing more, however, than put an end to the pleasant legend that our resources are limitless, it will have done outstanding service.

Far too much has been said and writ-



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ten about the "boundless wealth" of Canada. The impression has been deliberately created, here and abroad, that this country is so rich in raw materials that it can never be impoverished. It may be flattering to national pride, but it does not say much for our national common sense.

Canada has been richly endowed by nature, but not so richly that Canadians can be as profligate in the future as they have been in the past without reaching a state of bankruptcy. There are only so many tons of ore and so many gallons of oil in our earth; there are only so many rivers that can be dammed, only so much water that can be used or polluted. Every ton that is extracted means one ton less in the national treasury—it cannot be replaced. Every tree that is cut down without provision being made for its replacement is an entry on the debit side of the ledger.

Canada needs, therefore, an inventory of natural resources, needs to know how fast the stock is being depleted and in what way any unavoidable depletion can best be handled. It is difficult to see how any assessment of "the prospects for growth and change" in markets for Canadian products could be made without such an inventory, since so much of what is exported from Canada goes out in a raw state to be imported later in processed form.

The Commission should be able to determine to what extent we have been living beyond our means—squandering our interest and dipping into our principal. Until this is done, we can talk about our markets with only shallow understanding; the growth and change depend on our husbandry of resources.

Mr. Gordon has shown that he understands the relationship between resources and productivity. If his Commission bases its study on this relationship, its work will be of historic importance.

## How to Spot

**I**t's a good thing that the United States First Army has recalled its pamphlet "How to Spot Communists". It might have started a whole new series of "How to" publications—and people have been bruised and bewildered enough by such spurs to self-improvement as "How to Make a Million Breeding Lemmings" and "How to be Happy with a Hangnail". Besides, there are too many examples of the self-improved around who demonstrate only the horrors of unskilled labor. Had the First Army's ingenuous booklet survived the laughter of American newspapermen, it might well have been follow-

ed by a splurge of printed matter nagging a dazed public into spotting everything from dowzers to devil-worshippers. The First Army, incidentally, thought Communists could be spotted by their use of such dirty words as book-burning and colonialism—presumably words that are shunned by all red-blooded, 100 per cent capitalists.

## That Butter Again

**C**ould the sale of 300,000 pounds of Canadian butter to Czechoslovakia wasn't much of a deal. It scarcely made a dent in Canada's surplus of between 50 and 60 million pounds of the stuff; it cost the Canadian taxpayers only \$45,000, an insignificant sum around Ottawa these days, and a small price to pay to keep dairy farmers from looking for jobs in the city; and it will not make any appreciable



*Agriculture Minister Gardiner*

difference to the standard of living of Czechoslovakia's 12½ million people. Still, it was enough to get Agriculture Minister Gardiner into a bit of a mess and to reveal the curious inconsistencies of cabinet thinking.

Mr. Gardiner's only solution of the problem of butter and other surplus foodstuffs seems to be this: maintain floor prices to support the income of farmers and keep building surpluses until the population of Canada is big enough to consume what the country produces. The only thing wrong with Canadian agriculture, he says, is that there are not enough Canadian mouths; natural increase is too slow a method of making up the deficit, therefore many more people must be persuaded to come here from other lands and help us eat our way back to a sound agricultural economy. But this means a much more vigorous immigration policy, and this rather frightens his colleagues in the cabinet.

Mr. Gardiner does not mind selling Canadian products abroad at much less than the domestic price—the butter goes to Czechoslovakia for 15½ cents less than the 58 cents a pound the Government charges Canadian buyers. But another minister, Dr. J. J. McCann, is sternly opposed to subsidized foreign sales, at least when they are sales by foreigners to Canada; he has fathered a bill to impose special duties on subsidized goods coming into Canada from abroad. It may be, of course, that both Mr. Gardiner and Dr. McCann are united in wishing to help the poor, butterless Czechs, and are willing to forget principle for sweet charity's sake, in which case they are to be commended for not permitting inflexible thinking to stultify their humanitarian impulses.

In the meantime, Mr. Gardiner goes on accumulating surpluses that Canadians can't afford to eat but (in the Government's opinion) can afford to keep in storage or sell at whopping losses. How long he can continue doing this sort of thing is a question the Minister of Agriculture has not yet answered.

## Sea-going Jinx

**I**t might be wise for the Federal Government to organize a branch devoted exclusively to the planning, building and docking of ferry boats. In the long run, such a branch would undoubtedly save a good bit of the public's money. A few years ago, for instance, the Government found it had built a ferry boat that could go nowhere—the engines had been forgotten. Now it has built a ferry boat to ply between North Sydney and Port aux Basques, only to find that the vessel is too big for the harbor at Port aux Basques. After two years and several million dollars' worth of work, the harbor will be deep enough to take the ferry. There is no doubt about it: the Government has ferries at the bottom of its garden and must hire the seventh son of a seventh son to get things straightened out.

## Scientists' Appeal

**S**ome time ago, Bertrand Russell suggested to Albert Einstein that scientists "do something dramatic" to make the great nations realize the full threat of the hydrogen bomb to human existence. Einstein encouraged him, and Russell went to work. The result of his effort appeared a week ago last Saturday: an appeal by nine scientists to the world's leaders to forswear war. It made headlines in the newspapers, mainly because of Russell's own eminence as a scientist and philosopher. But it was scarcely the dramatic thing that Russell had hoped for. Only nine signed the appeal, others were non-committal or silent. If the scientists hope to persuade the statesmen, they will first have to show more conviction and unity themselves.





*'Timber-r-r'*



*'Just Right'*



*'Fighters'*

## The Range of the Camera

THESE prints are award-winners from the seventh National Print Show of the Commercial and Press Photographers' Association of Canada. Charles E. Wilkinson of Editorial Associates, Montreal, took "Timber-r-r" (upper left) with a Rolleicord Camera, using Ansco's Supreme Negative.

Max Sauer of Montreal won the Ansco award for the best illustrative picture with "Just Right" (centre). He used a Rolleiflex, Eastman XX and only natural light. David Bier, a staff photographer with the Montreal *Herald* has caught a moment of powerful emotion in his sports

picture (upper right). In the print below, Malak of Ottawa contrasts the ingenuity of man's machinery with the elemental forces of nature. The Bier and Malak pictures were taken with a 4x5 Speed Graphic and Graphic View respectively; both used Kodak Super Panchro-Press Type B film.



*'Nature's Fireworks'*

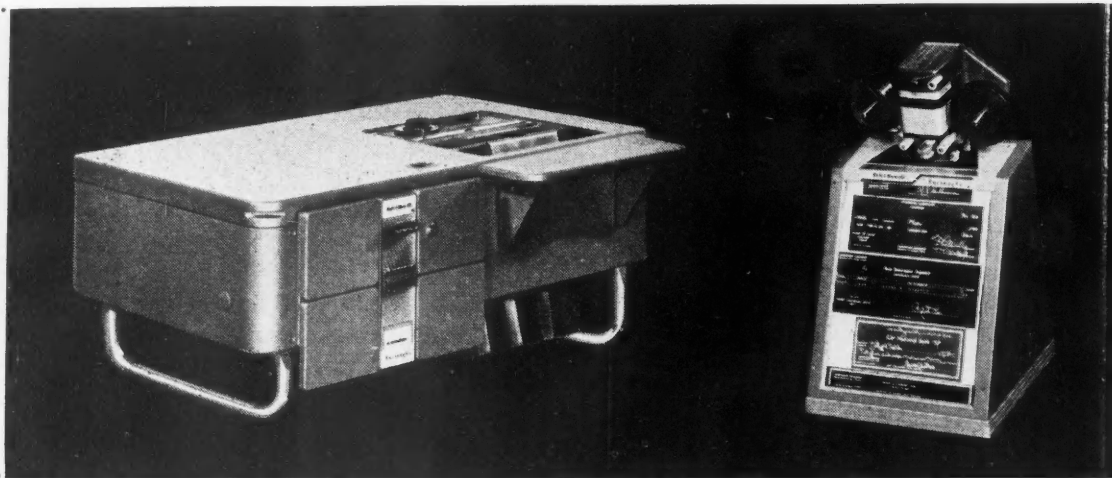


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Edward Holmes, Donald Harron, William Shatner, Frederick Valk (Shylock), and Bruno Gerussi in *The Merchant of Venice*.

## Stratford: Firm and Permanent Growth

by Robertson Davies

**T**he Stratford Shakespearean Festival continues to add to its artistic stature. The advances are not spectacular, and perhaps this is something for which the Festival's well-wishers should be grateful; there is, rather, a feeling of firm and permanent growth about this venture, and this growth is in a great measure owing to the continuity of artistic direction.

The Festival was set on a high path by Tyrone Guthrie in its first year and, supported by the governors and the company, he has led it in the upward direction ever since. It would not be good for the Festival or for Dr. Guthrie if he dominated it completely, or if his special style of direction were the only one to be seen there. Therefore it is good news that he will continue to give his invaluable advice and the inspiration of his high artistic principles to the Festival, but that the artistic direction will be in other hands. He has made the clock, and he will always be able to repair it; it is not fair to expect that only he shall wind it.

Part of the winding was done this year by Michael Langham, who produced *Julius Caesar* and produced that difficult play, let it be said at once, with a degree of ingenuity and understanding which would not be matched by more than a handful of directors anywhere in the world today. He came freshly to a stage which is not like any other, and which presents very great difficulties, as well as tremendous opportunities; he vanquished the former, and he

seized the latter with a zest and power of imagination which marks him as a director of remarkable gifts. All the faults of the production were attributable to Mr. Langham's great, and ultimately triumphant, struggle with this new stage; he emerged as the unquestionable winner, but there were some wounds on the body of the play.

In parts it was over-produced, and these parts were precisely those in which this three-sided stage, surrounded by an amphi-

theatre, would challenge a director. To manage big crowds on a proscenium stage, where the perspective is that of a painting or a moving picture, is difficult enough; to solve this problem on a stage which the audience observes from three sides is trebly difficult. To be a master of crowd scenes is one of the marks of a first-rate producer of classical plays; Mr. Langham is such a master, and in the Stratford *Caesar* the crowd scenes and the battles are superb.

Let it be understood now that I speak only of what I saw on the first night, and I dislike first-night judgments. But on the first night that fine actor Lorne Greene gave us a Brutus who was dull and heavy of spirit, when we looked for a noble philosopher. Lloyd Bochner, whom Stratford audiences know to be a player of striking intellectual quality, played Cassius as a petulant neurotic. Surely this is the director's conception, which is not supported by the text?

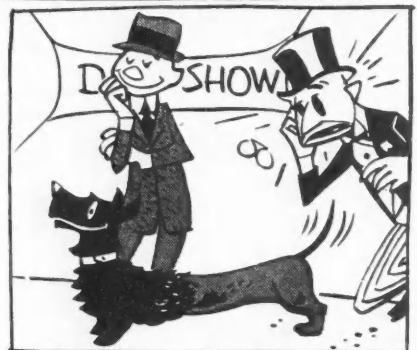
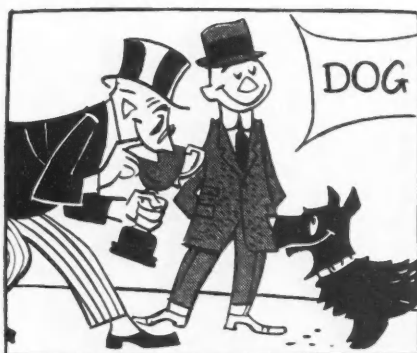
I am sure that by now Mr. Greene has livened up, and Mr. Bochner has quieted down, but the first-night effect was of men who certainly could not have led a conspiracy to kill the world's master. Only Donald Davis (who had a great advantage in that he has been acting consistently before live audiences all year) was ready to give us his best, and he topped the crowd very ably in the great scene where he harangues the mob. But can we really accept Mr. Davis as "a masquer and a reveller"? Just in order to be thoroughly offensive



Lorne Greene plays Brutus and Lloyd Bochner, Cassius in Michael Langham's ingenious production of *Julius Caesar*.



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and like a critic, I suggest that he and Mr. Bochner might have changed parts with great advantage to the play. But the casting, I understand, was not of Mr. Langham's choosing.

Robert Christie gave us a good portrait of the world's master. This was Caesar who had begun to fear his physical infirmities, and to boast. It was a fine stroke of direction to make Caesar's ghost appear not only in Brutus's tent, but at two other critical moments in the play. The production, to sum up, was admirable in the ensemble, but it did not appear to have given enough attention to the individual players who bear the weight of the tragedy.

The production of *King Oedipus*, by Dr. Guthrie, has been altered in some respects, and is now a great realization of one of the world's great tragedies. The part of the doomed King is played by Douglas Campbell, and he brings to it physical and imaginative gifts which were lacking in James Mason, who played it last year. I do not retract anything of the good opinion I expressed of Mr. Mason. He had a darkling, stricken quality which suited *Oedipus* very well. But his manner of acting is withdrawn and inward, his voice is small, and his demeanor modest. Mr. Campbell gave us the *Oedipus* who struck down Laius at the crossway, who got the better of the riddling Sphinx, who believed in his luck and dared to the uttermost. He has a robust tenor voice which has a wide variety of tone-color, and he used it, as the Greek actors must have done, to illuminate and enrich the text in a style which was almost operatic. Where Mason made us pity the sufferings of *Oedipus*, Campbell was able to make us suffer with him. The impact of this performance is very strong, and pity and terror are abroad in the theatre whenever the actor wills it so.

This is a performance of the name-part which lifts up all the other performances with it. As Jocasta, Miss Eleanor Stuart is markedly more moving than she was last year, though her mask is as unhelpful as ever. Eric House, who has taken over the part of the Old Shepherd, is deeply pathetic, and as the man from Corinth, Tony van Bridge is better than Mr. Campbell was last year, because he is more sympathetic and less dominating. The Chorus, after a year of ripening, is what one wishes a Greek chorus to be—the eloquent voice of one's own reflections. We may see better productions of *Oedipus* than this in our time, but we would be fools to count on it.

And thus we arrive at *The Merchant of Venice*, that magical old fairy-tale which, for some perverse reason, many people insist on taking in deadly earnest. The reality of *The Merchant* is the reality which lies at the heart of so many fairy-tales.

The play's reality is in the sweet and bittersweet world of high romance.

Take it as a picture of "real life" (as though anyone knew what real life is) and not only is Shylock intolerable, but Portia is a sneaky little quibbler, Bassanio a fortune-hunter, the Duke a forerunner of Mr. Justice Stareleigh, Jessica an ingrate, and Lorenzo, Gratiano and their muddle of friends (whom Stephen Leacock christened Saloonio) are nasty corner-boys whom we should like to kick.

But take it as it very plainly is, and as Dr. Guthrie has directed it, and it is a superb ballet in which the greatest dramatic poet of all time had translated the music and the balletic prancings and caperings on tippy-toe into glorious verse. And in such a production it can be made plain that Antonio loved Bassanio dearly, and was melancholy because he lost him to Portia.

Frederick Valk provides the splendid ground-bass upon which this rich music is founded. His vigorous, direct, immensely passionate Shylock is not the subtle Jew we have sometimes seen; he is the villain of fairy-tale. Yet he wins the sympathy and respect we accord to thorough-paced wickedness, and we are deeply grateful to him for not warping the play out of its shape in order to grab sympathy for himself. Paradoxically, we give him that full sympathy we reserve for those too proud to claim it.

Frances Hyland is an enchanting Portia—the embodiment of grace and wit, and with a most winning modesty in her scenes with Bassanio. Donald Harron gives us most of Bassanio, but he falls short of high romance; he is a gifted comedian, but what we want in Bassanio is the theatre's equivalent of the *danseur noble* in ballet. Gratiano has an easier task and William Shatner makes him a gay dog who is plainly going to be a bore at forty. Helen Burns brings brilliant comic gifts to the part of Nerissa; she and Miss Hyland give us a wonderful demonstration of the high comedy style in acting.

There is no space to pay tribute to ten other good performances, and I must offer this single obeisance to Robert Goodier, Lloyd Bochner, Neil Vipond, Lorne Greene, Ted Follows, William Hutt, Charlotte Schragar, Eric House, Bruno Gerussi and Robert Christie. They will not grudge the space which might have been theirs if I devote it to the work of Tanya Moiseiwitsch, who dressed all three productions with beauty and imagination, and who gave us in *The Merchant* a world of fairy-tale in which there was no hint of story-book sweetness, but instead a creation of color and line and superbly controlled detail which added its own imaginative depth to the play and the acting, and gave substance to this exquisite romantic dream.



## Crisis in Africa

✿ In the last weeks a number of significant events have occurred in Africa. In South Africa, the bitterly controversial bill that enables Premier Strijdom to pack the Senate and thus enact the constitutional changes has become law. In East Africa the Report of the Royal Commission on Land and Population which has been published after more than two years of expert study, passes judgment on the economic and social system, even as a new campaign against the Mau Mau gets under way, following the rejection of an amnesty.

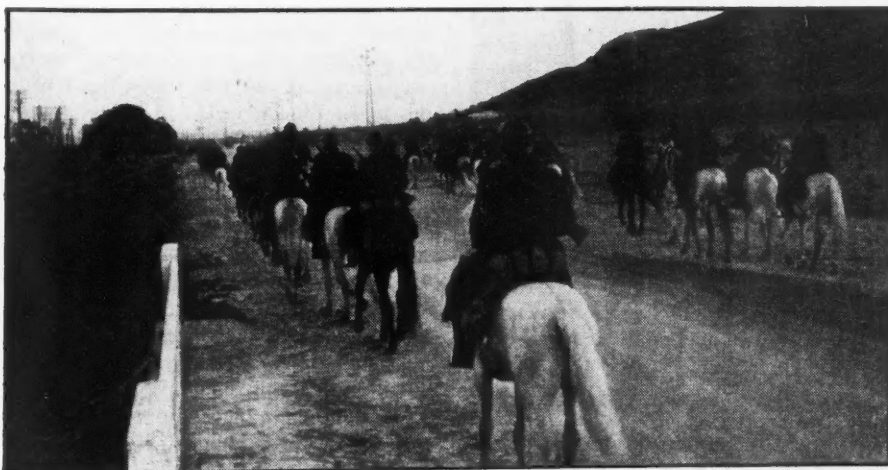
It is, however, in French North Africa that the most critical events have been taking place. In Tunisia, it is true, the grant of limited home rule and the return from French exile of Habib Bourguiba, the moderate leader of the Neo-Destour (Constitution party) have eased the tension. But in Algeria and Morocco the situation is deteriorating in an alarming fashion. The threat of the 2,500 rebels in the Aures mountains and elsewhere in Eastern Algiers aided by the local population is such that a division of troops originally allocated to NATO has been moved to Algeria. "A state of urgency" has been proclaimed. The death roll since last November has risen to 600.

The situation in Algeria is characterized by a constitutional dilemma, for the populous coastal area forms three *departements* of France and no French party will advocate any changes which would deny this "unity". On the other hand no Government dares to carry this integration, which began with the Treaty of Bardo in 1881 and was confirmed by the Organic Statute of Algeria in 1947, to its justifiable conclusion — by giving all these

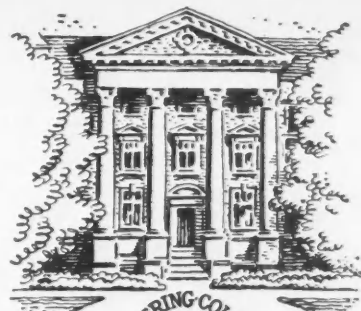
French-Muslim subjects full and equal voting rights. For this would mean that they would soon exercise a decisive influence in the French Parliament itself—possibly in line with the Communists. The Algerian Assembly and local elections are generally considered a form. Some years ago I participated in elections in this "part of France" when units of the Foreign Legion were sent to stand by in the town halls and local barracks with machine guns while the people voted, and even then the native troops were not considered wholly reliable on their own ground.

In Morocco the situation is complicated by the traditional hostility between Arabs and Berbers, which the deposition of Sultan Sidi Mohammed two years ago at the instigation of El Glaoui Pasha intensified. In Casablanca counter-terrorists recently murdered a prominent newspaper publisher and industrialist who had been urging concessions. As a result five French police officials were belatedly arrested for complicity. During the last nine months these counter-terrorists, backed by extremist elements amongst the settlers and including imported gangsters, have been responsible for 80 murders. And no arrests were made. On their side, Arab nationalists of "La Main Noire" and other terrorist groups, claiming to represent the Istiqlal (Independence) movement, are perpetrating an average of 30 outrages a week. The ineffectual French Resident, M. Lacoste, has now been reappointed French Ambassador to Canada. M. Grandval, who succeeds him, is already well-known for his authoritative regime in the Saar.

Morocco, as it stands today with its ancient customs and modern vistas, is



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Premier Faure is now considering a new plan of administrative reforms and economic assistance for Algeria. But administrative reforms can only bind the country closer to France so long as any concept of autonomy is rejected. And economic aid in the past has largely benefited the settlers. In Morocco, on the other hand, he has announced his intention to taper off direct control. But any transfer of power to the weak and unpopular Sultan, Moulay Arafat, can only provoke the Arab nationalists—and, incidentally, the Spanish who have never recognized his authority in their Zone. On the other hand the Berber pashas and French settlers will not countenance the reinstatement of his predecessor. Meanwhile constant propaganda from Cairo—and the Communist countries—is inciting the Moroccans and Algerians to a national-religious uprising.

The French have invested heavily in North Africa and though the returns so far are relatively small, Morocco, at any rate, holds great economic promise for the future. Over a million and a half Frenchmen are settled in the three territories, while 300,000 Algerian Muslims are living in France, claiming the economic and social rights of Frenchmen and sending money home to their poverty-stricken families. The region is vital to the defence of France and Western Europe, as the last war showed and without it the French feel, with some reason, that they would become a second-rate power even in Europe. For this reason American and British policy towards the French cause in North Africa will have a deep effect on Franco-American relations and the whole NATO system. Premier Faure has already made something of a test case out of the priority sale of U.S. helicopters for use against the rebels. And the French blame the British for letting the rebels in the Auries get supplies through Libya. Amongst the Powers, need for greater co-operation in the defence and development of this patchwork Continent is increasingly obvious.



# Ottawa Letter

## Heat and Words

By John A. Stevenson

As they tried a variety of devices to halt the organized filibuster of the Progressive Conservatives against the Defence Production bill, ministers must often have regretted that they ever sanctioned the air-conditioning of the House of Commons.

In the good old days, one of Ottawa's sultry heat-waves at the end of June was a tremendous accelerator of Parliament's business, as the stifling atmosphere of the chamber made speech-making a sweating process. But this deterrent to oratory was no longer available to suppress Opposition members convinced that they had an issue of first-rate importance, the claim of Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Defence Production, to be invested for an indefinite period with dictatorial authority over the whole national economy. They saw a chance to refute the accusation that they were an ineffective force and they wanted to demonstrate that they were trustworthy guardians of the rights of Parliament.

They were fortified in their attitude by the support of that powerful organ of Liberalism, the *Winnipeg Free Press*, which declared that the bill was a deplorable violation of Liberal principles and demanded its withdrawal.

It is also an open secret that certain members of the Cabinet dislike the sweeping provisions of the bill and would fain have them modified. But Mr. Howe remained adamant against any serious abatement of his powers. Some months ago he suffered a bad rebuff when the Cabinet pronounced against the plan for the Trans-Canada pipeline, which he favored; he felt that his personal prestige was at stake and that any substantial capitulation to the demands of the Opposition would create the impression that he was just an ordinary Minister and not the second most powerful member of the Cabinet.

The Prime Minister, for some curious reason, delayed his intervention in the debate until he was the 70th speaker and he qualified his general support of Mr. Howe's position with the offer of a slender olive branch in the form of an undertaking that the Government would furnish facilities for a full review of the bill at the end of three years. Some of his observations in regard to this promise have been gleefully interpreted by his followers as implying that he would lead them in another election. His concession was scornfully rejected by the Opposition.



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## Persona Grata

### Man of Many Parts

Something of the spirit of the actor-managers of the Italian *Commedia Dell'Arte* in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries seems to have descended on Douglas Campbell in the twentieth. Mr. Campbell is the actor Tyrone Guthrie brought from England to supply a little solidity to the unknown quantity of the Canadians in the first Shakespearean Festival at Stratford three years ago. He returned last summer and stayed in Canada through the winter to bring to cities and towns from Hudson Bay to Lake Ontario what was for many their first look at "live" theatre.

His Italian predecessors were noted for their versatility, for their brilliant, vigorous and audacious characterizations. Often they were family companies with the principal actor married to the female lead.

While comparisons on a broad scale inevitably suffer from over-simplification, many of these same things are true of Douglas Campbell. His acting is bold and vivid; his range is wide; his adaptability is astonishing; his temperament is volatile; he thinks actors must be nomads. He married into what many consider the first family of the English theatre; his wife is Ann Casson, the daughter of Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson, sometime director of the Old Vic. Last year when Campbell organized the Canadian Players and took them on tour in Shaw's *Saint Joan*, his wife played the title role.

He doesn't remember the time when he wasn't acting, he says, for he was brought up in a flurry of theatricals, his mother being a keen amateur actress as well as a woman of strongly independent cast of mind, a quality her son has inherited. But it wasn't until he was finished his schooling, that he turned to acting as a profession.

Even then it was second choice. He wanted to paint and tried to be an artist but he wasn't successful and certainly couldn't support himself. He applied to Dr. Guthrie at the Old Vic and was accepted as a sort of general stage-hand. He had a thick Scottish accent—he was born thirty-three years ago in Glasgow—curly, reddish brown hair worn rather long, the stocky body and resilience and bounce of an athlete, a talent for mimicry, a perceptive eye for characterization, a rebellious spirit and a youthful zest. Thus his only formal training began. "The best kind," he says, "work with a good company, under brilliant direction."



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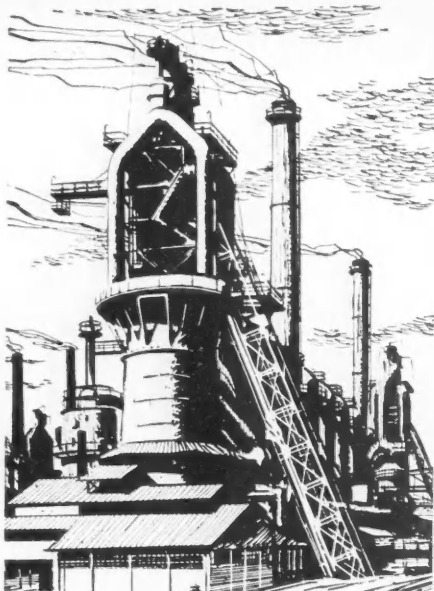
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The Old Vic Company had been bombed out and, led by Sir Lewis and his wife, was playing wherever it could. Campbell toured with them in *Medea* first through Wales, then England and the outer islands.

In the two previous seasons at Stratford Mr. Campbell has established himself in the minds of those who have seen him play as a superb clown. A lurch and a leer and he conveys the consummate villainy of Parolles in *All's Well* or the cynical bawdiness of Pompey in *Measure for Measure*. But he dislikes being tagged as a comic. He thinks a good actor must be ready and able to play any role. This year he is Casca in *Julius Caesar* and the King in *Oedipus Rex*. His interpretation of this role will come as a jolt to those who think of him as a comedian. Campbell sees *Oedipus* as a play of huge abstractions. Its lines imply so much more than just what the words say. To one who implied a criticism of James Mason's performance, he was quick to point out that it is a mystical piece and that Mason brought this out. He passed his hand in front of his face and suddenly the hazel eyes peering out from behind the spread fingers were not his but Mason's. The gesture was uncanny!

In addition to these two roles, he is directing Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, the principal work of this year's inaugural music festival. Mr. Campbell, who is a pacifist and has been known to refuse to play a soldier's part, sees this as a work full of symbolism. He is determined to bring out the implications of the music and the narration and to give its inverted, twisted ideas as much clarity as possible. To this end he has had a completely literal translation made. He talks about the production, as about everything else that catches his enthusiasm, with directness and fluid gesture. He is opinionated but not dogmatic.

That he can successfully combine acting, managing and directing he demonstrated last year in the production of *Saint Joan*. The play, staged in true roving players' style with the barest essentials of stage equipment, stripped of scenery and with the simplest of costuming (modern dress for the men, slacks and a black jersey for Joan) held audiences spellbound. If it was audacity that took them to Moosonee, it was sheer competence that got them invited to New York for an appearance on "Omnibus", where Campbell directed and played the title role in *Hamlet* for the TV audience and a considerable fee. This last was sorely needed after the financial troubles the company had had in Ontario.

Whether the Campbells will go on with the Stratford season is not decided yet. Meanwhile, their three children, two boys aged seven and three, and a girl who is five years old, have been living in Stratford, and attending a Canadian public school.

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## Business

# The Marketing of Used Cars

by Walter Harris

**The** used car dealer is as astute as an old-fashioned horse-trader — he has to be, to stay in business.

Last year, approximately 310,000 new cars were sold in Canada. Sales of used cars are in the ratio of three old to one new. Therefore, nearly a million used car trades, some of them admittedly involving the same car two or three times, were made.

The average mark-up a dealer expects is not easy to compute. His overheads, location and turnover have to be taken into account, as with any other business, but it is estimated that the average net profit on a used car sale, trans-Canada, is \$28 (\$41 in Toronto).

The dealer who sells new cars as well, through an agency, can often give someone desiring to trade a used car for a new one, a real bargain. He may break even, or even lose slightly, on the price he pays for the used car, but he is bridging the gap by the profit that he makes on the new car.

The dealer selling only used cars, or new cars which have been dumped on his lot at cost or less by a new car dealer who needs cash on the books and can rely on making up a deficit at another time, has a different method.

The reputable dealer may have a '53 model car selling for \$1,400. A man brings in a '49 car, worth, at resale, \$600. The owner of the car wants \$800 on a trade-in. The dealer refuses, perhaps suggesting that he try another lot. He knows that a car's value is the same to any dealer, and that his offer is in line with market value. Usually, the customer will trade and the deal is closed. The dealer has bought a car at a price he knows it is worth, and can make a profit on the car's resale; meanwhile, he has made the profit

on the '53 car which he probably traded for a '54 a week ago.

Other dealers may offer the potential customer a "real bargain, a thousand for your car". The owner is impressed. What he may not realize is that the dealer, knowing that the '49 car will have to be sold for \$1050 or thereabouts, which will mean its remaining on his lot indefinitely at a cost of about \$2 per day, calculates his profit on the car to be traded.

Another way of making a profit is to advertise a '53 car at less than its worth. Having attracted would-be customers, the dealer then charges them for accessories that are a "must" with the car, battery, generator, filters, and so on.

both a brake and valve job, the borderline dealer can afford to get the brakes done, but not the valves, and still make a profit. He sells the car either to an innocent, or to a hot-rod expert who can do the valve job himself. Either way, he is covered.

Many big dealers make extra profit from financing their sales themselves. They can also afford their own workshops, staffed by skilled mechanics, who can put a lot of value into a used car. Such a car may have cost the dealer \$500; reconditioned, it may be worth \$1,000.

The customer in Vancouver used to be worse off than the customer in Montreal, when it came to buying cars; until fairly recently, the price differential was high, some cars costing \$350 - \$400 more out West than in the East. Last year, however, a partial equalization of freight rates went into effect, and today the differential is, at the most, \$160. These prices apply to new cars, to which used car sales are naturally related.

Until fairly recently, sales of used cars dropped considerably during the

winter. Better winter roads, more extensive snow removal, milder weather and similar factors have improved the situation. Peak sales months are April and May; the poorest is August.

In order that the salesman may have some sort of regular wage, many companies use a commission drawing account system of remuneration, and add a bonus if the salesman's quota is exceeded. Quotas vary, but a sale of a car a day is considered very good, and will bring in an income of \$8,000-\$10,000 to the salesman who manages to average it.

Rapid turnover is the key to success in the used car business.



*A used car market: Nothing depreciates faster than an unsold car.*

The dealer knows that the man selling a car does so for a reason. It may be that he wants to trade for a newer car, that he needs ready cash, that he is moving to another part of the country. The reason is the dealer's clue to the profit that can be made on the trade.

In Ontario, the Ontario Highway Act, Amendment 20B, states that a used car must be sold with a certificate of road-worthiness. In other words, such fittings as brakes and headlights must be working properly, though this does not necessarily apply to the motor.

A brake job costs, say \$17, a valve job about \$60. If a car is brought in needing



## Mid-Year Review

At the half-way mark of 1955, Canada's economy is buoyant and expansive. The current resurgence appears to be broadening in scope and the prevailing atmosphere undoubtedly is one of confidence in the future outlook.

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*Is Frobisher a good speculative investment at the present time? — S. C., Hornsby Island, BC.*

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One could look for a dominant factor in Frobisher's position to be provided by its interest in a project for developing the water-power resources of Northern BC-Yukon and applying them to metallurgical industries. The Atlin waters comprise one of the few remaining major power sites in North America and the Frobisher group is trying to interest Reynolds Metals as a participant in an examination of Atlin's economic possibilities. Reynolds is a maker of aluminum, which requires cheap power.

### Steep Rock

*Is Steep Rock a good buy at its present price? Is it likely to increase in price in the next year or two? When do you think it will commence to pay dividends? — R. J., Springhill, NS.*

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The stock has already had substantial appreciation, with the latest run apparently reflecting the possibility of dividends next year. But don't be too optimistic about the extent of the dividends. The company is still in debt.

### Imperial Chemical

*Would you give me an idea of the possibilities of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.? — C. H., London, Ont.*

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*Could you give an analysis of Canadian Javelin and its future prospects?—M. D., Calgary.*

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In the absence of definite figures as to capital outlays and operating costs, it is impossible to determine the basis upon which the investor at today's prices for Javelin is buying into the company. The project is contingent upon the market for iron ore being maintained by a continuing rapid tempo of steelmaking.

## In Brief

*What recommendation would you care to make on Quebec Nickel?—H. W., Oliver, B.C.*

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# Who's Who in Business



## Canadian Success Story

The career of John Angus McDougald conforms, at first glance, to the conventions of the North American success-story—from hometown office-boy to millionaire industrialist. What is the most important ingredient for success? "Integrity," the tycoon replies with immediate conviction. The truth, however is not quite so simple. And it is, perhaps, evidence of some personal integrity that he scorns the conventional simplification. "All the talk about self-made men is childish, of course. There is always someone else . . ."

His father was, in fact, a wealthy Toronto financier and like other sons of the well-to-do he attended Upper Canada College and St. Andrew's. Only the attendance in his case became somewhat casual as he began to develop a marked scepticism about the value of formal education—a scepticism which has persisted. He travelled over the States and Europe with a tutor, acquiring a taste for expensive clothes and fast cars—a preference for the best.

It was, therefore, hardly a reflection on his intelligence that he failed his examinations at the age of sixteen. Thereupon he elected to transfer to the office of the late E. R. Wood, then President of Dominion Securities, to whom Mr. McDougald senior had introduced him. He was evidently a superior kind of office-boy, clipping items of interest from the papers for the attention of the President and rising rather rapidly—by the age of twenty—to the position of syndicate manager where he acquired the useful habit of dealing in millions. He was being groomed for success. Nevertheless, a considerable measure of self-discipline must have been acquired by a rich and personable young man with many invitations to distraction. He was also to develop a high degree of resourcefulness. He and some associates, for instance, arranged to build in England and bring to Canada the largest canal-sized oil-tanker on the Great Lakes. It was called "John A. McDougald".

Then came the crash. He went broke on a deal. His family was ruined in the great depression. And by the time he married at the age of twenty-six, he was \$10,000 in debt. His wife, Maude Eustace Smith, was a well-known figure skater and for a time they were both skating on very thin ice. "I knew that if I was to continue leading the life I wanted," he remarks with retrospective confidence, "I would just have to earn the money . . ."

In 1945 he formed a fruitful partnership with E. P. Taylor. Today he is one of that

small group of Toronto financiers who control an ever-expanding complex of companies. Separate from this is his presidency of the Crown Trust Co.

And with his far-flung interests and connections, he is still constantly on the move—dropping in at Claridge's Hotel for a few days to discuss new ventures in the British Isles, seeing German industrialists about developments in the Rhineland, putting up at Government House in Canberra—he has recently



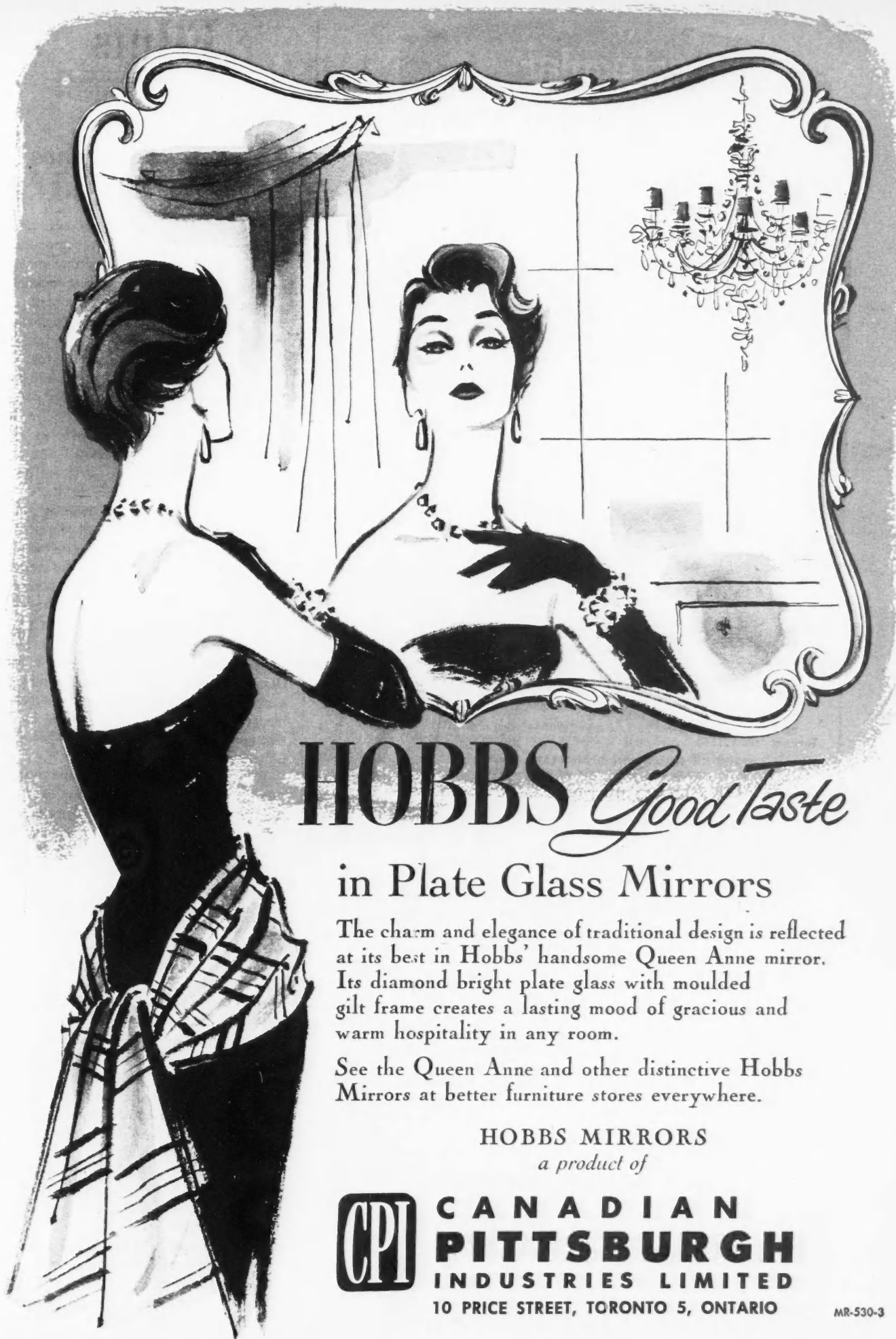
John Angus McDougald

returned from a survey of Australian possibilities. Even his small office in Toronto, with the hunting motifs on the upholstery, has a transient air.

He is now 47. What next? "I don't need to go on earning money," he points out as a plain statement of fact. Nor do the latter-day diversions of many rich men appeal to him—politics, the arts, philanthropy. "I'm no joiner," he says flatly. He claims to have no time for books. He and his wife—they have no children—own a luxuriously-equipped farm near Oriole where he breeds miniature poodles and collects antique sports cars and sporting prints. And here he keeps a magnificent stud with which to indulge his life-long love of the turf.

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## Films

### Aspects of Violence

by Mary Lowrey Ross

**S** The movies began with the cops-and-robbers theme, and have flourished ever since on the sound theory that movement plus violence is the best possible basis for popular screen entertainment.

Over the years, however, the cops-and-robbers theme has developed considerably in complexity. *Violent Saturday*, for instance, sets up its opposing sides and arranges its opening moves with the deliberation of a chess player setting up an international match. Every move in the opening sequences is calculated for delayed effect. The bad men ride into town, and you recognize them only by the extra care that is taken to reveal them as good, or relatively harmless, citizens. The town itself is as placid as a mill-pond; but the quiet is ominous, and presently the camera moves in to reveal that the mill-pond itself is swarming with horrid life. The local bank manager (Tom Noonan) is a peeping Tom. The lady-like librarian is a purse-snatcher. The mine owner's son (Richard Egan) is a sodden alcoholic with a nymphomaniac wife. The mine superintendent (Victor Mature) is worried by his fractious little son, who isn't satisfied with father's war record.

The camera takes plenty of time over all this human documentation. Yet with all the care it exercises in weighing and distributing sympathy, the film, up till the final moment, follows faithfully in the traditional cops-and-robbers pattern.

In the final sequence, however, *Violent Saturday* plunges without warning into a field of moral speculation considerably outside any cop-on-the-beat philosophy. The criminals (Stephen McNally, J. Carol Naish and Lee Marvin) move in on the homestead of an Amish farmer (Ernest Borgnine). Profoundly committed to the principle of non-violence, he steadfastly refuses to take any part in the carnage that follows. Then, with the life of his rescuer at stake, he wildly plunges a pitchfork into the back of the last remaining killer. It is a shattering denouement and for the moment it lasts on the screen it wrenches the whole picture out of the familiar pattern of unspeculative violence.

The Amish incident lingers curiously in the imagination, however. It's a little as though the late Count Leo Tolstoi had been called in as consulting author, had invented a moment of perplexing truth, and had then been overruled by cooler heads.



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by 'Centaur'

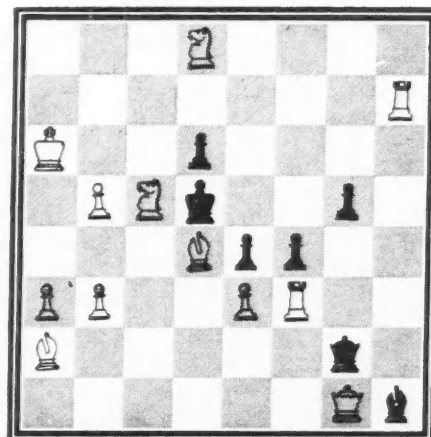
Although the spontaneity and piquancy of the late W. A. Shinkman were best suited to longer problems, he composed some excellent two-movers. Nearly a hundred of them appeared in the volume that represents a part of his huge output, *The Golden Argosy*, a 1929 issue of the Alain White series. Many of the lightweights among these two-movers are real gems, and one is our favorite in this class.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 120.

Key-move 1.R-Kt5, threatening 2.RxKt mate. If Kt-B3; 2.Kt-B5 mate. If Kt-B5; 2.Kt-B3 mate. If Kt-Q2; 2.Q-B5 mate. If Kt-B2; 2.BxKt mate. If Kt-Kt3; 2.Kt-Q6 mate. If Kt-Kt5; 2.Q-B4 mate. If Kt-B6;

2.Kt-B2 mate. If KtxKt; 2.PxKt mate.

PROBLEM NO. 121, by W. A. Shinkman.  
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White mates in two.

## Your Life's Work?

by Louis and Dorothy Crerar

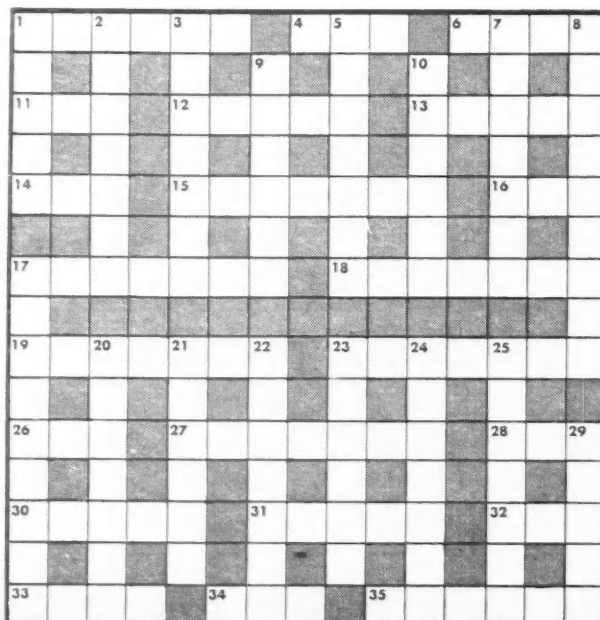
Across

1. See 11.
4. See 33.
- 6, 9, 22. If this is true— (4,6,2,5)
- 11, 33, 1, 6.—this, according to Saroyan, should be thirty years. (3,4,2,4,4)
- 11, 6, 1D, 29. But isn't he often almost the death of the hostess. (3,4,2,3,5)
- 11, 14. Surprisingly this preceded the affair of Graham Greene. (3,3)
12. See 21.
13. Artist or pen painter. (5)
14. See 11.
15. First means of identification? (7)
16. Just enough, to a T, to make one of those English puddings. (3)
17. Goodness no! (7)
18. A Peck of Pope. (7)
19. Dinner is savory because of her appearance, in the Merchant of Venice. (7)
23. Join the harvester? (7)
26. Foreign noble returned what the cow chewed. (3)
27. To make these one must take the rest off around here. (7)
28. But it won't upset the waiter! (3)
30. See 33.
31. Hen or heron can both adapt themselves to the water. (5)
32. What makes the wild boar dip its tail? (3)

- 33, 4, 30, 2 p.m., 2 p.m., for example. (4,3,5)
34. See 21.
35. Attractive to the 34, in moderation? (6)

Down

1. See 11.
2. If you give up the editor will finish it. (7)
3. The wine comes down from its broken cask, perhaps. (7)
5. Engine is ..... "D" to become reassembled. (7)
7. The imp has to drop an H to make this. (7)
8. G.I. Joes' mouthpiece who shared the fate of many a G.I. Joe. (5,4)
9. See 6.
10. Chinese help is not so hot, that is it appears so. (6)
17. Suggests it might blow your savings? (4,5)
20. Miracle? Not exactly! (7)
- 21, 34, 12. Agreement reached by an optical allusion. (6,3,2,3)
22. See 6.
23. The vehicle appears to be good in France on paper. (6)
24. It's a body he needs, by the sound of it. (7)
25. Start an introduction with it when sung in church. (7)
29. See 11.



SOLUTION TO  
LAST PUZZLE  
Across

1. Grandma Moses
10. Rider
11. Robin
12. Mar
13. Diaz
14. Willow
15. Vie
17. Act of God
18. Octroi
20. Igloos
22. Ashenden
25. Nom
26. Donors
- 27, 16. Cape of Good Hope
- 29, 28. Ageless
30. Orion
31. Easel
32. The seven seas

Down

2. Radiant
3. Norn
4. Myrmidon
5. Mobile
6. Sandwiches
7. Samovar
8. Graduation day
9. Artesian wells
16. See 27.
19. Estrange
21. Lambent
23. Dead Sea
24. Entice
28. See 29

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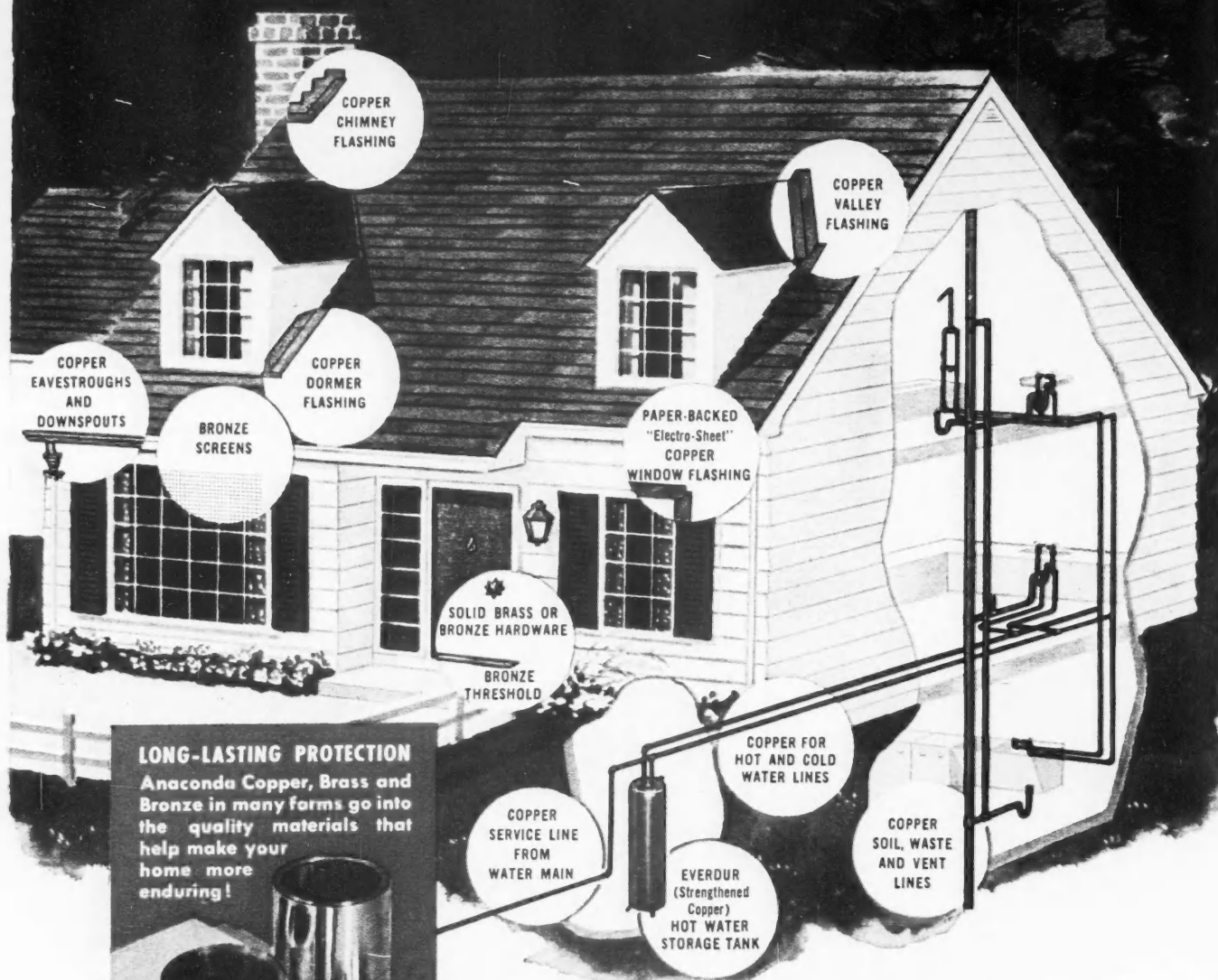


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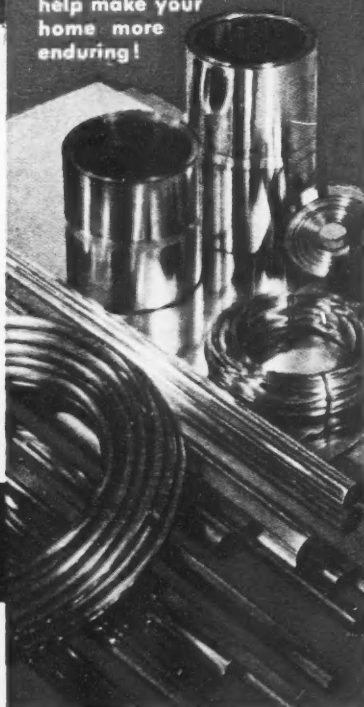
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# Books

## How Not To Write a Book

by Robertson Davies

**K**err It is often said that dog does not eat dog. But it is not true. I have myself seen a dog making a hearty meal on the carcass of a fallen comrade, looking just as sweetly noble the while as if it were sitting for its portrait by Landseer. As often, and with about as much justification, it is said that critic does not knock critic. The case of Walter Kerr affords an illustration; he is the drama critic of the New York *Herald Tribune* and he has written a book called *How Not To Write A Play*; several American book critics, who are obviously not the kind of dogs who eat dog, have praised it extravagantly; I can only conclude that they know nothing and care nothing about writing plays, or that they assume that a book by another sort of critic must necessarily be good. Anyhow, they have boosted this book, and urged it upon playwrights.

I think that a playwright who reads it should do so with caution, remembering that Mr. Kerr used to be a teacher in the Department of Speech and Drama at Catholic University of America, and like most such teachers he is long on theory and short on practice. But unlike many teachers he is no scholar.

Playwrights are an abused race in the U.S.A. today. The belief has become widespread that they do not know their job, that they never submit a play to a management in a form in which it is ready for the stage, and that their knowledge of the theatre is greatly inferior to that of everyone else employed in it, including the stage-doorman. While these hard words may apply to some beginners who have achieved production by a fluke, it can hardly apply to all American playwrights, or all the Englishmen whose plays appear on Broadway. But the New York critics, in some cases, have become so accustomed to the idea that no playwright knows his job, that they apply that judgment retroactively, and declare that the great playwrights of the past did not know their jobs, either. If a performance of Shakespeare or Ibsen or Shaw or Chekov or Wilde fails to please these bored, flaccid men, the fault seldom is attributed to the actors or the director; it is always the playwright who is at fault. Mr. Kerr has written a book to blast the playwright out of the rut in which he seems sunk at present.

There is much in this book which any playwright or lover of the theatre may

read with profit. But it is expressed with a dogmatic vehemence which would only be endurable if the author were a genius of widely acknowledged authority. Mr. Kerr is not in this class, and this book is not going to put him there. It is a splendid example of how not to write a book.

Mr. Kerr is a cultural name-dropper. Now a name-dropper, as we all know, is one who claims greater acquaintance with important people than he can justify. And when Mr. Kerr speaks of Fletcher's "graceful but empty gestures", and of Webster's "feverish thrashings", and says that Euripides "all but burns the Attic house down in the violence of his attempts to restore a dying dynamic" he is just a name-dropping teacher in a drama course, impressing students who are not going to study Fletcher, Webster or Euripides as these masters deserve, but who must be able to say something knowing about them at examination time.

He can dish out praise, too, as when he says that "Chaplin is the finest theatrical artist to have appeared in our time"; this also is the kind of thing students like, but what does it mean? Is it as a pantomimist that Chaplin excels? It cannot be as a writer, for Chaplin's scenarios contain some embarrassing passages of nonsense, like the last speech in *The Dictator*. And why, in a book about plays, drag in a man who has never written a play, and



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has not acted in one (a play as opposed to a film) for forty years? It cannot be as a great speaker of verse or prose, for Chaplin has a very ordinary voice. Such a statement might pass if it were not in a passage which Mr. Kerr follows with the self-honoring statement—"These are all home truths". They are not. They are just bad rhetoric.

Mr. Kerr is very severe with Chekov. He says that he has never been popular. "A difficult prestige dramatist in his own country, an Arts theatre admiration in London, he is almost without peer in his power to chill American audiences." In proof of this Mr. Kerr adduces a production of *The Three Sisters* in 1941, which he calls "a supreme effort", with Katharine Cornell, Judith Anderson, Ruth Gordon, Dennis King and Edmund Gwenn in the company. It was a failure in New York, so Chekov must be at fault. But would anyone who saw Michel St. Denis's production of this great play in London before the war call the New York production "a supreme effort"?

Mr. Kerr is up to the old trick of the New York critic — making broad condemnatory judgments on the basis of narrow experience in a city which has not, for fifty years, been famous for its power to present the classics of the theatre with taste, understanding, or thoroughly adequate acting.

Mr. Kerr will not even stick to facts. He says that when the Old Vic company visited New York in 1948 (it was really 1946, as I know from my own program) and played *Uncle Vanya*, it was a disaster. If so, it was a disaster which played to full houses in a large theatre, and on one occasion when I was able to get in, this disaster moved the audience to tears. But Mr. Kerr is so wildly inaccurate that we can only conclude that he writes from inner illumination, rather than from easily verified facts. He speaks of *Vanya* as "an old man", when he could have gone to his bookshelves and discovered very easily that *Vanya* is forty-seven. Details, you say? But has a critic no concern with details? Like any other drudge it becomes him, before all things, to be accurate.

It is the loud, confident tone in which Mr. Kerr makes his blunders which raises the hackles of the careful reader. And it may be said in passing that his inaccuracies are not smoothed over by the bad proof-reading which has become almost the trademark of his publishers. What he has written is a book of opinions about modern plays. Where he could have persuaded us by reason and modesty he has chosen to bamboozle us with inaccurate facts and mock-profundities. He thinks *The London Merchant* was written in 1831, whereas it was written in 1731; he has made a mistake in a date which he must have looked up, and looked up care-

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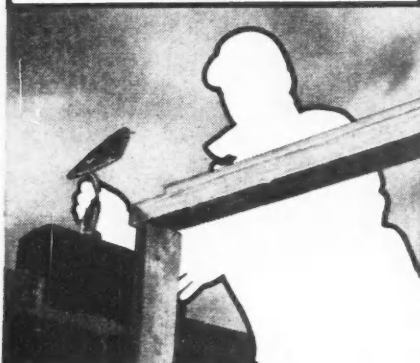
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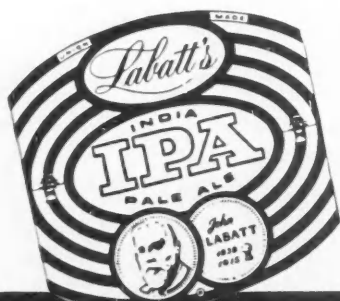
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lessly; but two pages after this error—which could be overlooked—he uses his misinformation to deduce that another play was written twenty years after *The London Merchant*, instead of 120 years later. These quagmires of sloppy scholarship turn up too often in his book. God pity the poor wretches at Catholic University of America in Professor Kerr's day!

It is a great shame that this book has been so badly written that it discredits itself, for it has some good things to say. Mr. Kerr believes, and I agree in part, that modern playwrights are too much under the influence of Ibsen and Chekov. He thinks that the theatre wants greater freedom, and that those who can do so might well turn to writing in verse, or at least a prose less poverty-stricken than is now fashionable in domestic comedy. He thinks the tough-guy school of drama has run its course. All of this is interesting and provokes thought. It could all have been said in a 1,500 word article in *Theatre Arts*; it should not have been blown up to book size, and bedizened with paste jewels.

Mr. Kerr and his wife are now busily writing the book for a forthcoming musical comedy. Stop those graceful but empty gestures, Fletcher! Go easy with your feverish thrashings, Webster! Kerr is coming to restore a dying dynamic.

**How Not to Write a Play**, by Walter Kerr  
—pp. 244—Simon & Schuster—\$4.25.

## Puzzler

by J. A. H. Hunter

There must be a previous letter on its way, bogged down in our postal service. For the first news I had of Bill's marriage was in a letter today; and there he mentions his wife so casually that he doesn't even give her name. He writes from Vancouver, where they seem to have met two other couples with the same interest in art. Most of this letter is devoted to describing a sale of pictures which they all attended. It's in that that he gives the names of the three girls and of the men, but there's no hint as to which girl is Mrs. Bill. Each of the six, he says, bought as many pictures as the number of dollars he or she spent per picture: and each man spent exactly forty-eight dollars more than his wife. Sounds as if they went a bit wild at the sale. Bill's always a one for details, and he goes on to say that he bought nine pictures more than Betty, and Ben seven more than Sal. Gwen, the third girl, landed what they hope may be a Vermeer; but it's not very likely at that price. So that's all he tells about the girls, and now I'm waiting for the missing letter. Can you figure out the name of his wife?  
*Answer on Page 42.*

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Three-year-old Edward Shaiman may not have taken a perfect picture with his Brownie, but he made a fine subject for Douglas Gall of Newton As-



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## Photography: the Amateur

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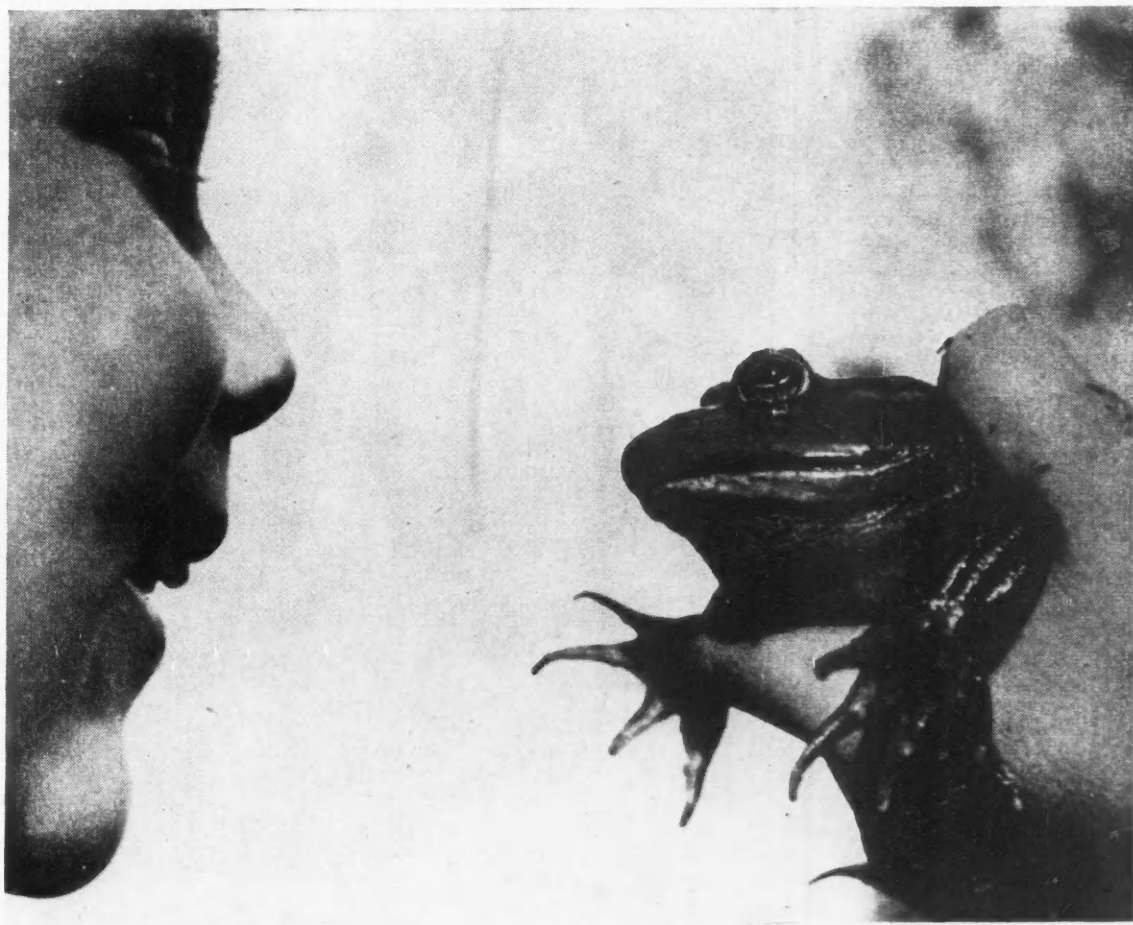
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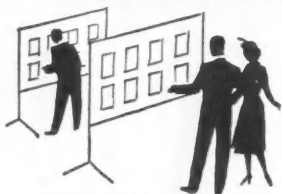
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**Camera Clubs:** Canada's first camera club was conceived in the Gentleman's Parlor of the old Queen's Hotel, on the site where the Royal York now stands.

Saint Patrick's Day it was, in the year 1888. A group of 25 photo enthusiasts ordered themselves a keg of beer, some crackers, cheese and onions. They discussed, then adopted a motion by Toronto's Mayor McMurrich, to form the Toronto Amateur Photographic Association.

Others interested in the camera hobby thought likewise. In 1893, the Montreal Camera Club set up equipment and dark-rooms on the Victoria Street premises of William Notman and Son, who in 1856 had founded one of the first professional studios on the North American continent.

Small groups of amateurs formed clubs in many of the larger cities across Canada, and the membership was exclusively male. Monochrome photography, with its dark-room routines, flash powders and chemical solutions remained almost entirely a man's hobby and profession until the second decade of the 20th century.

Then in the 1930s came the two most

revolutionary photographic influences of the century. First, emerging from the depression, came the miniature camera, developed in Germany, and made the object of expanding production in England and America. Second was the introduction of 35 mm Kodachrome color film in 1938.

Almost immediately camera clubs organized color divisions for those using the new 35 mm film. The full impact of the color slide was not, however, felt until the end of World War Two. By this time women were beginning to show an interest in color photography, which they had never evinced in monochrome, except as a casual snapshot medium.

In May, 1947, a small group gathered in Toronto and formed the Color Photographic Association of Canada.

Today CPAC has four branches in the Metropolitan District of Toronto and twelve groups at other points in Ontario. Other branches are to be found in Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia—27 branches altogether, with a total membership of 1,100 color photographers. Women form practically half the membership.

Across Canada, membership of organized camera clubs, social welfare and in-



*'Winsome Smile' by Walter Maraz.*





TOP TO BOTTOM: 'The Feast' by Mrs. F. R. Conklin; 'Blue Glass' by Robert H. Ilsley; 'Sweet Adeline' by J. Dopp.

dustrial groups interested in hobby activities runs close to the 10,000 mark. The Commercial and Press Photographers' Association of Canada, this country's largest and fastest growing professional aggregation, now exceeds 1,000.

As more than one million cameras of one kind or another have been sold through retail channels in Canada during the last ten years, it is obvious that more hobbyists are outside the organized clubs than are members of them.

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There are two types of film made, daylight and artificial or tungsten type. In most cases, if the correct type of film is used, no filters are necessary. Briefly, this is the answer to the filter problem. With Ansco color for daylight correction use a UV 16; with Kodak films a Skylight filter; these slightly warm up the transparency where the light is excessively blue.

Artificial light film is a two purpose film and can be used in daylight by placing a Type A No. 85 filter over the lens

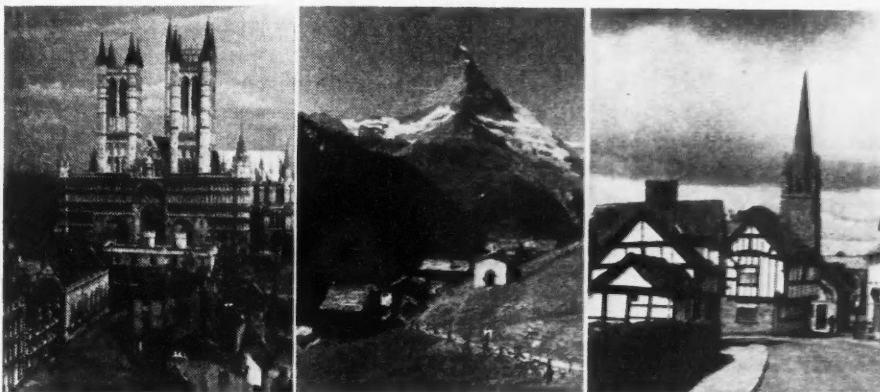
effect; a few large areas uniformly colored will generally make a good picture.

Color harmony is obtained by combining the warm colors, orange, yellow and some reds with the cool colors, if possible.

Bright colored subjects are fine if tastefully handled, but subjects in soft pastel colors can be very beautiful too.

Keep in mind the most important part of your subject and expose primarily for it.

Front or three-quarter lighting gives best results in color photography. Side



*Travel Photography: 'Lincoln Cathedral', 'Matterhorn' and 'Weobley, Hertfordshire' by J. S. Boeckh are examples of skilled amateur work.*

with Kodak film and using an Ansco Conversion No. 11 filter for Ansco film.

When using artificial light film with flash, use your UV 16 filter and an 81C with Kodak film. These are all the filters necessary for taking 99 per cent of your photographs.

Exposure meters are an indispensable aid in color photography. All the well known makes are reliable when in working order, but use the same one all the time, as each meter has its own characteristics even if they are of the same make.

To ensure success, tabulate your exposures for the first few rolls of films and the conditions under which each picture was taken.

If your transparencies are correctly exposed, fine, but if uniformly under- or over-exposed you can correct the situation by changing on your meter the exposure index of the film.

A technically excellent transparency is not necessarily a good picture, and so, after learning the technical details, you are left to your own resources.

The following points should be helpful:

Keep the picture as simple as possible. Try to tell a single story well. Most pictures take in too much territory, include too many objects but describe none. Whenever I am after pictures there are two words that I keep repeating to myself, often aloud, to the amusement of anyone near: "Get close; get close".

The fewer colors there are in a transparency the better. Strive for a bold

lighting gives modelling to distant scenes, but in close-ups use reflectors or fill in lights to reduce contrast. Back lighted scenes seldom make good color shots, and with sunsets, if you cannot look at the sun, don't shoot.

With every roll or box of film, no matter what the type or who the maker, comes an instruction sheet on how best to use that particular film. Follow the instructions.

**Travel:** Summer is the time when travelers take to photography and photographers take to travel. However, it is not necessary to be an expert photographer to gain a great deal of pleasure out of using a camera on one's travels; all that is necessary is a little thought and a sensible observance of a few principles.

There is now available a great supply of excellent travel books, ranging from the epicurean treatment of S. P. B. Mais ("a delightful inn hard by the Chateau of Chillon where the Campari was absolutely first class") to straight descriptive material. Most travel books now are beautifully illustrated and many photographic ideas and suggestions can be obtained from them alone.

1. In color, take your pictures at 1/100 of a second exposure and avoid camera movement. Small cameras have great depth of field and over-all fuzziness is to be avoided at all costs.

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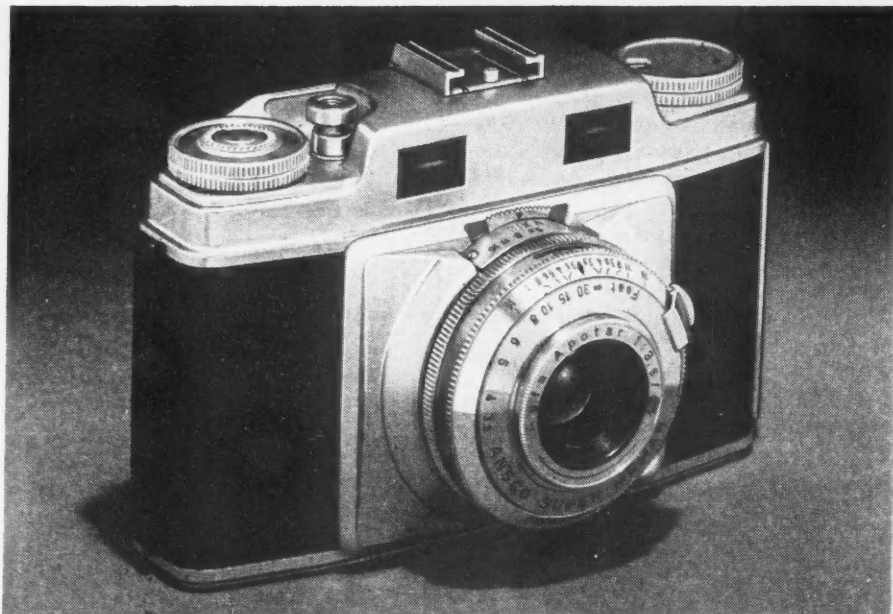
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b) Make sure your exposure is accurate. The best thing is to get an exposure meter, the cost of which will soon be made up in film saved.

3. Remember that many of the best pictures are not made in direct sunlight. Good color pictures don't require bright reds and yellows, but are often better if soft pastel shades are utilized.

4. Don't try to take too many pictures. One good picture is worth ten bad ones, carelessly taken.

5. Don't shoot into the sun. In any event, be sure you have a lens hood for your camera, and use it all the time.

6. If buying a new camera for your trip, be sure you are thoroughly familiar with it before starting out. A few practice rolls expended locally will more than repay the slight time, effort and expense involved. Also you will have a chance to profit by experience.

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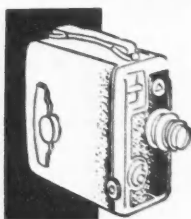
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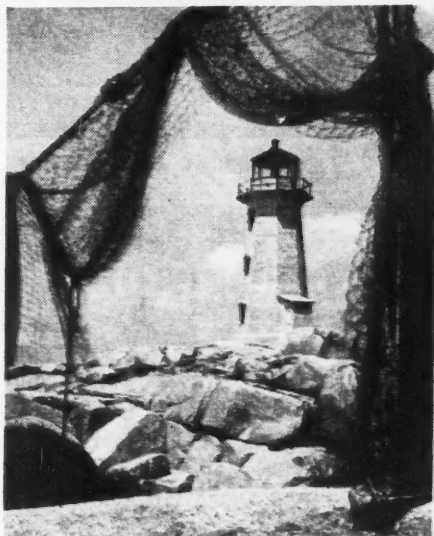
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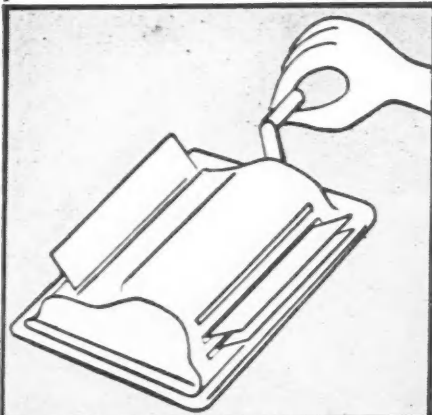
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## Women

# Conscience and Campaigns

by Marion McCormick

**S**oon after the new Montreal General Hospital opened the doors of its \$20 million building on Mount Royal, Mrs. George S. Currie, president of the Hospital's Auxiliary, was accosted by a woman in the lobby.

"Mrs. Currie," she said, "I've been waiting seven minutes for the elevator. Seven minutes by the clock."

The handsome, grey-haired president clucked sympathetically. It was only too true, she said. The settling-in process required welding together two separate staffs of an institution which had been split into branches at different ends of the city. Everything was different, from the switchboard system to the method of dispensing clean uniforms. One could detect an air of disorientation on the faces of the staff members as they travelled the two and a half miles of baffling new corridors.

"You know how it is when you move," Mrs. Currie said. And the visitor to the hospital, who had by then been waiting a good ten minutes, nodded understandingly.

The shaking down is now well along, and elevators swoop up and down at reassuring intervals, but Mrs. Currie, who interprets her job as a public relations assignment, continues to work for better public understanding of the hospital, which was founded by women and is now sustained to a significant degree by the devoted efforts of an auxiliary of 1,700 members. Although the new building has been in operation for some time, the demands on the Auxiliary have not slackened, nor has Mrs. Currie's interest in every detail of the work.

The original hospital was begun by a group of energetic ladies who called themselves the Montreal Female Benevolent Society. The Napoleonic Wars had just ended, and a wave of immigration brought crowds of destitute newcomers to Montreal. With women's immemorial faith in the restorative powers of a good hot meal, the benevolent females opened a soup kitchen. More than food was needed, however. New premises were acquired, and enough condemned army mattresses found to furnish beds for 30



Mrs. George S. Currie has tackled the most challenging volunteer jobs in the welfare field in Montreal. She is now president of the 1,700-member Women's Auxiliary of the Montreal General Hospital. Its new building is seen behind her.



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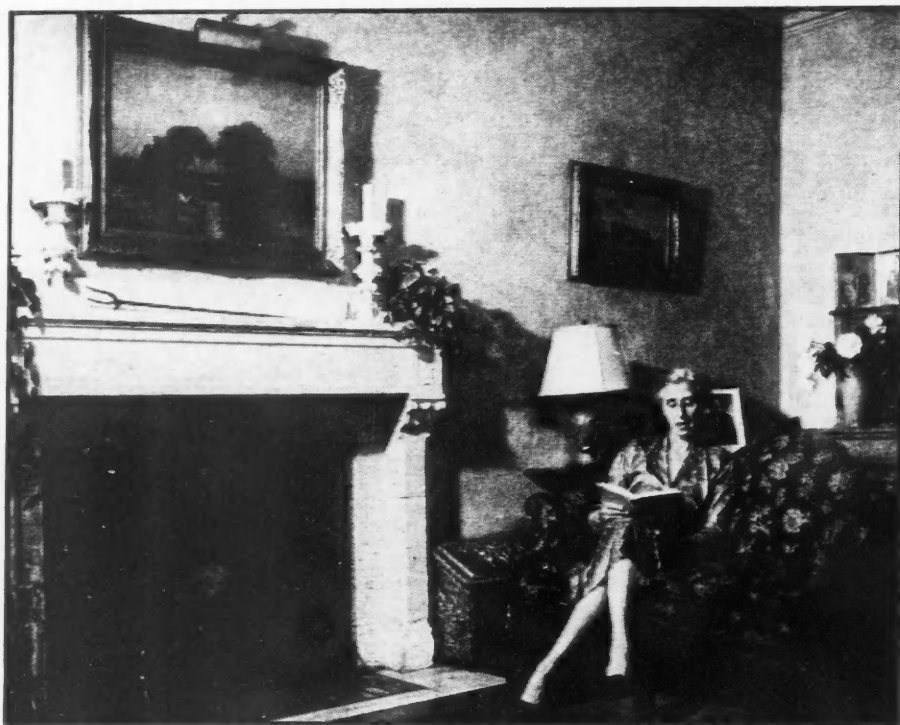
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*Mrs. Currie relaxes in her drawing-room, very much a family room where photographs of the now grown-up children are prominently displayed and books are dropped casually on chair-side tables. The whole house is characterized by the comfortable clutter of family living.*

of the most desperately sick.

The women had come to the end of their resources, and they turned for help to some of Montreal's prominent citizens. They wanted a petition put forward to the provincial government for a grant to establish a general hospital. This first effort ended on a comic opera note, resulting in a duel fought on the banks of the St. Lawrence between a member of the provincial House (anti-hospital) and a Montreal doctor (pro). Both gentlemen were wounded, and retired with honor satisfied, but the petition was lost in the general uproar.

Dismayed but resolved, the benevolent females turned to the public for help, and the first campaign for funds brought enough to found the Montreal General Hospital, which opened on May 1, 1819. This heritage of service to the Montreal General has been carried on ever since through a number of moves and expansions. Now, the new hospital dominates the skyline.

The presidency of the Auxiliary is the latest of a series of challenging jobs of community service which Mrs. Currie has accepted. Last year, she headed the Women's Division of Montreal's Red Feather campaign, and raised \$300,000, an amount equal to the total community chest objectives of cities the size of London and Hamilton.

Almost everything was against her in the effort. The new Quebec income tax had just begun to take a savage bite out of nearly every pay cheque, and there was a general feeling — inaccurate—that the

tax was for welfare needs. Another hazard was the weather. The rain fell with Old Testament ferocity throughout the canvassing period. Nevertheless Mrs. Currie marshalled her waterlogged canvassers to the dreary rounds of doorbell ringing.

Her brisk executive manner is softened by tact, an invaluable asset in the business of raising money. A large part of the women's canvassing area covered a predominantly Jewish community, and the campaign period included the days of the Jewish High Holidays. Mrs. Currie instructed her canvassers to bypass Jewish homes, rather than intrude on the religious occasion. The story got out only because one Jewish housewife who had been expecting a canvasser to call telephoned to ask whether she had been overlooked. Mrs. Currie explained the situation, and the housewife was so impressed with the thoughtfulness that the story was repeated around the neighborhood. Receipts in that area hit an all-time high.

A Montrealer, born and bred, Mrs. Currie was Louisa Napier, the daughter of a family that had been Canadian for several generations with roots in Massachusetts. She grew up in a large house in a leafy part of the city near McGill University, a district that retains some of its Victorian fragrance although most of the homes have been turned into rooming houses. Her own childhood home has been converted into an apartment house.

The wife of George Currie, author of the headline-making Currie Report, she has four children. Only the youngest, 21-year-old Gordon, a student of engineering



at McGill, is still living at home.

Home is a large stone house which stood all alone high up on Westmount Mountain in the tangle of natural mountain growth until a recent burst of building on the street. Her house has accumulated around her. The spacious rooms, all of them offering magnificent views over the city, are innocent of a decorator's hand. Lamps are placed where they will throw the best reading light, and there is always a table within easy reach of a chair. Some fine old pieces of furniture are New England in origin, and all the rooms are brightened by flowers from the garden. Pictures on the walls include portraits which are probably striking likenesses of the people who sat for them, and one might conceivably picnic in the landscapes.

A fair-sized picnic could also be accommodated in the Currie's beautiful garden. This is one of Mrs. Currie's leisure time enthusiasms and many hours are devoted to it sandwiched into her busy schedule whenever her many activities will permit. The garden ends where the natural growth of the mountain begins and thus they enjoy the pleasures of formal cultivation along with the delights of a more rugged terrain.

When all the children were at home, Mrs. Currie entertained a great deal, but she does relatively little now beyond having old friends in for dinner, her favorite kind of party. Household arts do not appeal to her strongly, and she leaves much to Rose, who has served the family for 12 years. Life is quieter now that

three of the four children have left home for marriages or jobs or both, but the routine tasks of running the house are still part of Mrs. Currie's day.

Mrs. Currie says she can cook if she must, but she says it with a notable lack of enthusiasm. She used to sew a good deal, and she still makes some of her own clothes, but the rest are made for her. She finds shopping tiresome, and as a shortcut, she keeps up-to-date lists of family sizes so necessary buying can be done with despatch.

The Curries share their interests to a large degree. They do all the work on their extensive grounds themselves, and spend their holidays together. Mrs. Currie's one indulgence is golf, but with her faculty for turning every pursuit into a job, she served a term as president of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, thus squaring the indulgence of hours on the course with her New England conscience.

This year the Curries will spend their vacation at their fishing camp. She plans to sit placidly sketching on the bank while her husband casts and reels in tirelessly. Her interest in art is longstanding. After leaving school she studied at the art school attached to the Montreal Museum. There hasn't been much time for painting lately, but she has promised herself a vigorous old age in which to catch up with it.

Montreal is a city where welfare needs must be met by private citizens to a degree that is probably unique in Canada. Mrs. Currie has risen to the challenge of the task with zest and pleasant efficiency.



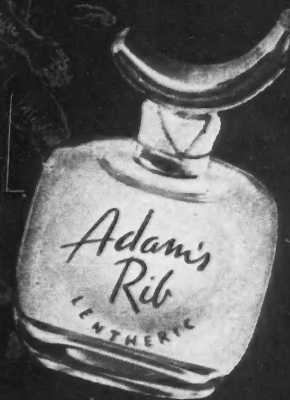
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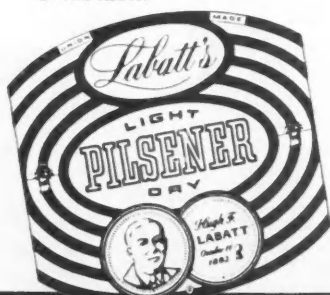
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# Letters

## Police and Law

Your continued defence of evil-doers is shocking... Judging from your comment in The Front Page ("Bullet in the Back"), you would have our policemen handle criminals with the greatest tenderness, expose themselves constantly to danger without affording themselves the means of protection and not retaliate when they are abused or attacked... When he runs away from a policeman, a suspect automatically convicts himself. If he is not guilty, why should he run away? If he is innocent, what has he to fear? Surely no one would claim that the processes of Canadian law do not permit fair trial of a man accused...

TORONTO

J. T. FERGUSON

*Editor's note: The man who runs away may be guilty, but something more than the suspicion of a policeman is needed to prove his guilt. That is why there are "processes of law". When a policeman shoots at an unarmed man he is not enforcing the law but showing his contempt for it.*

## Nichols and Politics

Garden-party *snobinettes* like Mr. B. Nichols should stick to the Chelsea Flower Shows, which they can describe with such nice discrimination, and leave the duller prairies of politics to others less elegant than they. Fascinating when he recounts "Larry" Olivier's latest *mot*, or yearns for the Noel *d'antan*, our delicious gardener loses himself in the realities of the marketplace. His account of the emotional stresses of the past (British) General Election belongs in some Strachean pastiche of rather-less-eminent Victorians, unless it is meant as a contribution to the study of quaint survivals...

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## Homosexuality

I was shocked to read, in an article by Robertson Davies, such a statement as this: "... A point of view which is gaining favor: that the conduct of homosexuals, so long as it gives no public scandal and involves no minors or reluctant per-

sons, is nobody's business but their own." Not only is such a view morally indefensible and opposed to natural law, but has been condemned by the best legal minds...

OTTAWA

RAYMOND LEUTY

*Editor's note: Not so. Sexual deviations are common among animals. And at the annual meeting of the American Law Institute last May, Judge Learned Hand argued that "I think it (sodomy) is a matter very largely of taste, and it is not a matter that people should be put in prison about". The Institute supported his view, 35 to 24, and recommended that sodomy and adultery be removed from the list of crimes "against the peace and dignity of the state".*

## Church and State

The article by William Krehm on Argentina makes pointedly clear that when the Church plays politics, the Church will, sooner or later, become soiled, losing both temporary gains in power and some of its permanent influence on the lives of its adherents... It is a lesson that Christians of all denominations should give heed to in Canada, where the Church (I use the term to cover both Roman Catholics and Protestants) has become too concerned with material things...

VANCOUVER

HAROLD HENDERSON

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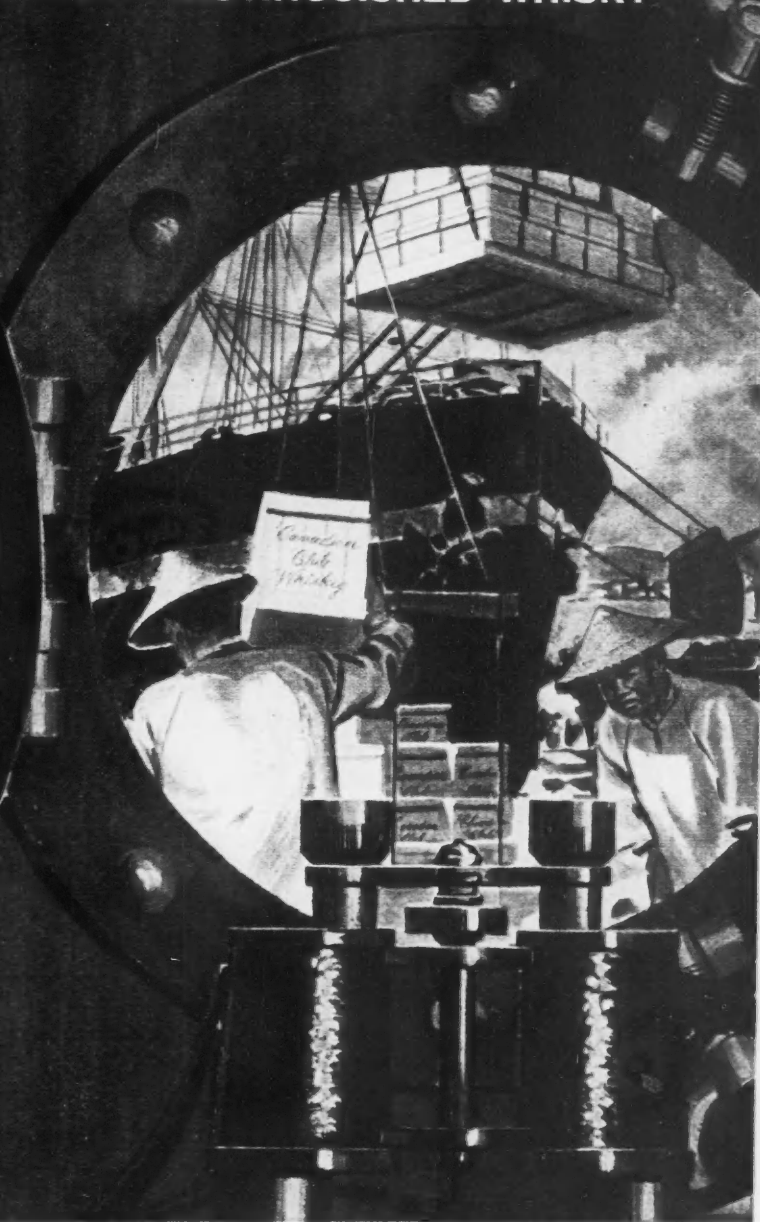
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